

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the title as follows:

~~NOVEL~~ GENE ASSOCIATED WITH REGULATION OF ENERGY BALANCE, OBESITY  
AND DIABETES AND USES THEREFOR

Page 1, after the title, please add the following new paragraph and subtitle.

**REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/331,930, filed June 30, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/AU98/00902, filed October 30, 1998, and resulted in U.S. Patent No. 6,436,670, the entirety of which is incorporated herein.